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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to the Notice published in the Official Gazette dated August 5, 2003.

U.S. Patent 5,753,907
U.S. Patent 5,966,232
U.S. Patent 6,046,835
U.S. Patent 6,108,115
U.S. Patent 6,507,427
U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/14582
U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/85346
Japan 2942721

An English language abstract of the Japanese reference cited above is enclosed. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 5,753,907 is an English language equivalent to that Japanese reference.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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